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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AKIHIKO TAKEUCHI, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/057,969

Filed: January 29, 2002

For: IMAGE HEATING APPARATUS
HAVING A LIMITING MEMBER
(AS AMENDED)

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: Examiner: Sophia S. Chen
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith the requisite fee of \$180.00 for consideration of the reference cited in this Information Disclosure Statement. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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